



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

19 DEC 1966

Honorable Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dick:

I have reviewed the final report of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group which has been concurrently submitted to us by our Senior Representatives and have approved the report recommendations, including the National Tasking Plan for the [redacted]

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[redacted] In so doing, I have concurred in the identification of the U.S. Intelligence Board as the authority responsible for monitoring and coordinating the implementation and execution of the Plan.

Enclosed are two copies of a covering statement approving the recommendations and the Plan, which I have signed, for your approval and signature as jointly approved documents for promulgation within our respective organizations and the Intelligence Community. I am also forwarding a letter, prepared jointly for our signatures, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advising him of the actions taken as a result of his original proposal of 9 September 1965.

It seems desirable to me that we capitalize on the momentum gained as a result of this study, by requesting our Senior Representatives to carry on the requisite planning functions until, at an early date, the U.S. Intelligence Board instrumentality can be formally established and competently staffed.

Sincerely,

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2 Enclosures
Statement of Approval (in dup)
Ltr to BoB

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

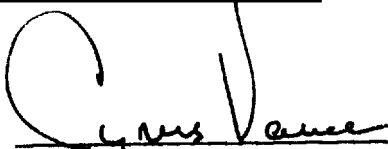
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The recommendations of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group are hereby approved. As appropriate, action shall be taken by participating agencies and departments in accordance with the recommendations and with the provisions of the "National Tasking Plan for the [REDACTED]

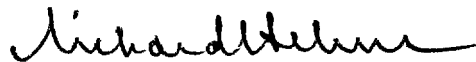
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CYRUS H. VANCE
Deputy Secretary of Defense



RICHARD HELMS
Director of Central Intelligence

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

12 January 1967

The Honorable Charles L. Schultze
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Charlie:

In response to your proposal of 9 September 1965, and in consonance with the Terms of Reference which were jointly approved on 9 October 1965, the final report of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group has been completed and we have approved its recommendations.

The areas of investigation set forth in your letter have been carefully examined. Comprehensive inventories of imagery interpretation organizations serving national needs have been completed and the areas of overlap and duplication have been identified. The various requirements for departmental and national level resources have been collectively reviewed and definitive plans for tasking imagery interpretation resources on a non-duplicative basis have been devised. The approved recommendations will also provide for more effective coordination of the national and departmental research and development programs which are directed toward improving or automating imagery interpretation.

Among the major actions which will be taken are the implementation of the "National Tasking Plan for [redacted]

[redacted] the identification of the U.S. Intelligence Board as the authority responsible for monitoring and coordinating implementation of the Plan; and the adoption of a new methodology for computing uniformly the imagery interpreter resources of organizations serving national needs.

The approved time phasing schedule for implementing the Review Group's recommendations is attached. You will note that full implementation of the complete program will take considerable time and is dependent upon the availability of added funds and personnel to the CIA and the DoD for this purpose. The imagery interpretation resources required for the FY 67-71 period, however, are appreciably less than previously estimated.

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We are convinced that adherence to the principles, concepts and methodology will make a significant contribution in satisfying the U.S. intelligence demands required of imagery interpretation. Under separate cover, we are forwarding to you the final results of this comprehensive and constructive interagency effort.

Sincerely,

(s/)

CYRUS R. VANCE
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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RICHARD HELMS
Director of Central Intelligence

1 Enclosure
Time-Phasing Schedule

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TENTATIVE TIME-PHASING SCHEDULE

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIC AUTHORITY (0 - 1 Month)

1. Approval of JIRG Report Recommendations
2. Promulgation of National Tasking Plan

II. ORGANIZATION OF USIB INSTRUMENTALITY (0 - 4 Months)

1. Coordination and Promulgation of Proposed DCID No. 8/1
2. Staffing of Committee and Subcommittee
3. Operation and Staffing of the Executive Secretariat

III. INITIAL PLANNING (0 - 6 Months)

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1. National [] Target Base
2. Program for Planning []
3. National Data Base of Image-Derived Information
4. Provisional Specifications for Basic Support Exploitation

IV. SELECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION (6 - 12 Months)

1. Formulation and Validation []
2. Initiation of Basic Reporting
3. Initiation of Imagery Interpretation Key Production
4. Coordination of R&D Requirements

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V. PROMULGATION OF FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (6 - 18 Months)

1. National Data Base of Image-Derived Information
2. Basic Support Exploitation

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VI. WARTIME PLAN []
[] (12 - 18 Months)

VII. FULL IMPLEMENTATION (12 - 18 Months. Timing contingent upon availability of added funds and personnel)

APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE:



Richard Helms

Director of Central Intelligence

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